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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Christopher J. Smith

Application No.: 09/712,302

Filed: Nov. 14, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO PERFORM  
BUY VERSUS LEASING  
TRANSFORMATIONAL BIDDING

Examiner: Stefanos Karmis

Art Unit: 3624

Confirmation No.: 8621

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a one month extension of time to file this response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2004. The extended period is set to expire on April 23, 2005. A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a one month extension of time.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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